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SUBJECT: ALLIED RESPONSE TO GDR VISA MEASURE

REFS: (A) STATE 2497; (B) BONN 148; (C) PARIS 412;

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1. THE BONN GROUP ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 6 REACHED AGREEMENT ON A REVISED TEXT FOR A PRESS STATEMENT AIMED AT ACCOMMODATING INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON, LONDON AND PARIS. THE FRG REP HAS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL FOR HIS GOVERNMENT TO THE REVISED TEXT, AS HAS THE US REP WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE AMBASSADOR, ON THE BASIS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETIONARY INSTRUCTIONS (REF A).

2. THE FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) HAS CABLED THE TEXT TO PARIS IN HOPES OF RECEIVING APPROVAL LATER THIS EVENING. THE UK REP (HITCH) IS AWAITING A DETERMINATION.
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TION BY HIS AMBASSADOR AS TO WHETHER THE CHANGES ARE SUFFICIENTLY IN LINE WITH LONDON'S INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PREVIOUS DRAFT TO PERMIT HIM TO APPROVE IT WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE TO LONDON.

3. IT IS THUS POSSIBLE THAT THE STATEMENT COULD BE RELEASED LATER THIS EVENING, AS THE FRG STRONGLY

URGES.

4. THE TEXT OF THE REVISED BONN GROUP DRAFT FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES,
FRANCE, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY, HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE MEASURES RECENTLY
TAKEN BY THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, INCLUDING
THOSE FURTHER RESTRICTING FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN
GREATER BERLIN AND REMOVING CONTROL POINTS BETWEEN
THE EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC. THEY HAVE ALSO EXAMINED THE STATEMENT
MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THESE MEASURES ON DECEMBER 31
BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS STATEMENT THAT THE PURPOSE
OF THOSE MEASURES WAS TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT
THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC COULD BY UNILATERAL
ACTION CHANGE THE STATUS OF GREATER BERLIN, IN
VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER
3, 1971, WHICH APPLIES TO THE WHOLE OF BERLIN.
NEITHER ACTIONS NOR STATEMENTS BY A THIRD STATE CAN
AFFECT THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOUR
POWERS OR THE STATUS OF GREATER BERLIN, WHICH REMAIN
UNCHANGED.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE,
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM SHARE WITH THE GOVERNMENT
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OF THE SOVIET UNION THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAIN-
ING THE STATUS OF GREATER BERLIN, WHICH CAN BE
ALTERED ONLY BY AGREEMENT OF ALL FOUR POWERS. THEY
WILL LOOK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION TO
CARRY OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS REGARDING BERLIN.
END TEXT

5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PREPARED FOR USE OF EMBASSY
PRESS SPOKESMEN FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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